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Dear Mr. Lukács:

We have started a new journal on the novel which is now completing its first year of publication. In it we have been publishing essays by authors of important books on the novel which we call our Second Thoughts Series. Our aim has been to give these authors a chance to reply to their critics, and to reconsider their position on the novel--its strengths and weaknesses--from a retrospective vantage point. We would like to know if you would be willing to write such an essay for us. Your social theory of fiction in works like The Historical Novel and Studies in European Realism is, we think, the most articulate and intelligent we have; and we would very much like to have you reappraise it for us. We will be glad to send you copies of our journal in which other authors have taken second thoughts. They may help you to get a better idea of the possibilities of such an essay.

Please let us know if this idea for an essay interests you. It would be wonderful if we could have something from you by next fall or winter. It would of course appear in English translation; we are willing to take care of that problem here or, if you prefer to make your own arrangements for translation, that too is satisfactory. Our essays generally run from 15 to 20 pages in manuscript but you may take more space if you need it. We can offer you a modest fee for your contribution and are willing to pay translation expenses if you decide to make your own arrangements for translation.

We would very much like to have an essay from you and hope to hear from you soon. We enclose a brochure which describes the aims and the nature of our journal.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Spilka

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